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SUBJECT: POSEIDON COMMITMENT TO NATO: SUBSTANTIVE
COMMENTS

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1. REF A RAISED QUESTION OF NEED TO INFORM THE FRENCH
IN PARIS OF OUR NEW POSEIDON COMMITMENT TO NATO.
NOTWITHSTANDING INFORMATION IN REF C THAT THE FRENCH
WERE ALREADY INFORMED OF CHANGE ELSEWHERE, I BELIEVE IT
IS IMPORTANT TO CALL ON MOD BOURGES TO INFORM HIM HERE
OF THIS CHANGE IN THE US COMMITMENT TO THE COMMON
DEFENSE OF THE ALLIANCE AREA. I BELIEVE WE SHOULD IN
THIS CASE FOLLOW THE PATTERN OF 1971 NOTIFICATION TO
THE FRENCH ON THE ORIGINAL POSEIDON COMMITMENT.

2. ALTHOUGH SPECIFIC NUMBER OF POSEIDON RV'S ASSIGNED
TO NATO WAS NOT GIVEN TO FRENCH BECAUSE IT WAS
CLASSIFIED RD/FRD (ATOMAL) (REF C), FIGURE WAS
SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN REF B, WHICH WAS NOT
CLASSIFIED RD/FRD (ATOMAL). I BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD
BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH THE
FRENCH IF THIS CAN BE DONE EITHER DIRECTLY OR BY MEANS
OF A WAIVER.

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3. THE DEPARTMENT'S PROMPT RESPONSE ON THESE

SUBJECTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED, INCLUDING INFORMATION
ON WHICH BRIEFING OF BOURGES CAN BE BASED.
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